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SUMMARY: AT THE INVITATION OF LOCAL AVIATION INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AMCONGEN AIR LIAISON OFFICER HAS BRIEFED LOCAL AND VISITING PRC OFFICIALS ON US AIRPOWER. THE BRIEFING AND ACCOMPANYING FILM WERE WELL RECEIVED. THIS ENCOUNTER IS AN INDICATOR OF THE INCREASED RECEPTIVITY OF PRC REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTACT WITH US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY

1. FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS CONSULATE AIR LIAISON OFFICER, COL W.B. WEBB, USAF, HAS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS PRESENTED AN UNCLASSIFIED 20 MINUTE FILM ON USAF AIRCRAFT/EQUIPMENT. THIS FILM HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN EXPANDING AND DEEPENING FOREIGN NATIONAL CONTACTS IN THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

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2. FOLLOWING A RECENT PRESENTATION TO THE AVIATION COMMUNITY, A LOCAL AERO-PRODUCTS MIDDLEMAN INQUIRED IF AIRLO WOULD SHOW THIS FILM TO PRC REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE CONSULATE WE AGREED TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUEST OF THE AERO-PRODUCTS SOURCE. THIS WOULD BE DONE, HOWEVER, WITH THE EXPLICIT CAVEAT THAT THE SHOWING WAS RE-

QUESTED BY THE MIDDLEMAN AND NOT SOLICITED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

3. ON 4 MAY 1977, THE AIRLO AND AAIRLO WERE RECEIVED BY HSU TING-MEI OF THE CHINA RESOURCES CO. AT THE BANK OF CHINA BUILDING, HONG KONG. TEN OTHER CHINESE VIEWERS INCLUDED TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MACHINE IMPORT EXPORT CORPORATION (MACHIMPEX), PEKING. AIRLO WAS INTRODUCED BY THE AVIATION MIDDLEMAN WHO HAD ARRANGED THE PRESENTATION. PRIOR TO THE FILM SHOWING (NO SOUND TRACK), THE AIRLO MADE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS WITH FLIP CHARTS TO ENHANCE THE COMPREHENSION OF THE MOVIE. THE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, COMMENTS DURING THE MOVIE, AND THE FLIP CHARTS WERE IN CHINESE.

4. THE PRESENTATION WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY THE CHINESE WHO ASKED KNOWLEDGEABLE, PERTINENT QUESTION. IN OUR OPINION THE LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY SHOWN IN THE FILM WAS STAGGERING TO THE RECIPIENTS. THE GROUP LEADER COMMENTED THAT THEY HAD SEEN THE PICTURES IN "JANE'S ALL THE WORLD'S AIRCRAFT," BUT HAD NEVER SEEN THE "LIVE."

5. THE TWO MACHIMPEX REPRESENTATIVES FROM PEKING REMAINED SILENT THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION AND DEFERRED ALL QUESTIONING TO HSU, THE HONG KONG CHINA RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE. THIS WAS DONE EVEN THOUGH ONE OF THE PEKING MACHIMPEX REPRESENTATIVES WAS A CENTRAL FIGURE IN PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR BOEING AND VISCOUNT AIRCRAFT. AIRLO VIEWS THE LACK OF PARTICIPATION OF THE TWO PEKING MACHIMPEX REPRESENTATIVES AS AN EFFORT TO KEEP CONTACT "OFFICIALLY" AT CONFIDENTIAL

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HONG KONG LEVEL. HSU ALSO ASKED THAT THE MEETING NOT BE PUBLICLY ADVERTISED.

6. AMCONGEN VIEWS THIS ENCOUNTER AS AN INDICATOR OF THE INCREASED RECEPTIVITY OF LOCAL PRC REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTACT WITH US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH THE BRIEFING WAS SUGGESTED BY THE AVIATION MIDDLEMAN, IT WAS HOSTED BY THE PRC REPRESENTATIVES IN A CHINA RESOURCES CONFERENCE ROOM. FURTHER, THE AIRLO IS WELL KNOWN TO RANKING PRC REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG AS A US MILITARY OFFICER. THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH MR. HSU'S INQUIRY ABOUT THE RECENT TRAVEL OF AIRLO'S WIFE AND DOUGHTER IN THE PRC WHICH HE HAD LEARNED OF THROUGH PREVIOUS SOCIAL CONTACT WITH AIRLO AND WIFE.

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